GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2774
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PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has emphasized the railtransport needs of the State with the Union Governmentwith specific reference to the new projects/facilities, ongoing works and Railway Safety Fund etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c) : A memorandum was submitted by the Chief Minister of Kerala to the Ministry of Railways in December, 2001 in respect of projects/works in Kerala. Demands contained in the memorandum and action taken on them are at Appendix.

APPENDIX

APPENDIXREFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2774 FC 01.08.2002

POSITIONOF POINTS RAISED IN THE MEMORANDUM PRESENTEDCHIEF MINISTER, KERALA TO MINISTRY C RAILWAYS IN DECEMBER, 2001

S. No.	Projects / Works	Action Taken
	New Railway Lines	
1.	Angamali-Sabarimala	The work is already included in the Budget. Final location survey is in progress. An outlay of Rs.10 crore has been provided for the work during 2002-03.
2.	Kottayam-Erumeli	The work has already been included in the Budget and necessary clearances have been obtained. Final location survey and detailed planning has been taken up. An outlay of Rs.0.01 crore has been provided for the work during 2002-03.
3.	Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor	The work is already included in the Budget and will be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances for which action has been initiated.
	Doubling of Railway Lines	
1.	At least Rs. 150 crores for doubling	Doubling of single line is taken up when the carrying capacity of the line

of Mulanturutti-Kayankulam(via Kottayam) railway line during 2002-03	is saturated, keeping in view the traffic requirement. The doubling of Ernakulam-Mulanturutti has been taken up as phase-I of doubling of Ernakulam-Kayankulam. The work is in progress and an outlay of Rs.3.68 crore has been provided during 2002-03. The doubling of remaining section may be considered in future as and when the need arises.
2. Doubling of Ernakulam-Kayankulam (via Alapuzha)	The doubling is not considered necessary at present from traffic point of view.
New Railway Stations/facilities	
1. New Railway Station at Nedumbassery	A new Railway station at Nedumbasseri near Cochin is not considered necessary at this stage.
2. Satellite Railway Station at Trivandrum - Rs. 10 crores for 2002-03	The work of 2nd Coaching Terminal at Kochuveli has been included in the Budget 2002-03.
Other Projects	
1. Crossing station at Mavelikkara-Chengannur - 5 crore	The crossing station is not considered justified.
2. Crossing station at Parasala-Nemom	Parsala included in the budget 2002-03 but Nemom was not considered justified from traffic point of view.
Adequate Funding for Ongoing Works	
1. Early completion of ongoing doubling works: (Rs.125 crores) Mangalore-Shoranur line (committed target dated 31-03-2003) Ernakulam-Kayankulam (via-Kottayam) (Rs.50 crores)	On Mangalore-Shoranur section, out of 307 km, doubling of 161 km has already been completed. 50 km is targeted for 2002-03 and balance for 2003-04. Regarding Ernakulam-kayankulam remarks have already been given at point no.2 of Doubling plan head.
Electrification (30 Crores)	
1. Ernakulam-Trivandrum BG line, by 31-03-2004	The work is in progress.

Gauge Conversion (10 Crores)

1. Quilon-Shenkottai-Virudunagar (357 km)	The work is in progress. Final location survey in the ghat section has been completed. Earthwork and bridges have been taken up on Tenkasi-Virudunagar and Tirunelveli-Tiruchchendur section. An outlay of Rs.25 crore has been provided for this work during 2002-03.

New Trains

1. The weekly Thiruwanthapuram-Mangalore-Thiruwanthapuram Express via Alappuzha may be converted as daily.	Examined, but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.
2 A new daily train may be introduced in the sector Mumbai-Kozhikode.	Examined, but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.
3 Electric Trains on Thrissur-Ernakulam sector.	Examined, but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.